RECKLESS ATTACK DUO.
BAD GUYS = CRIMINALS = SEEM TO LIKE DARK, SECRETIVE PLACES
SICKAGGRA = BOSS SHIBA'S ENEMIES= BAD GUYS
= LIKELY PLACES TO FIND SICKAGGRA.

CHAPTER 14A: EXPOSING SECRETS

SMOKIN' PARADE

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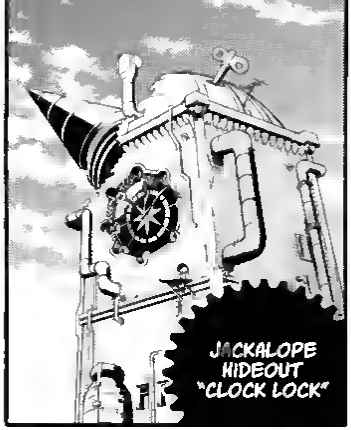
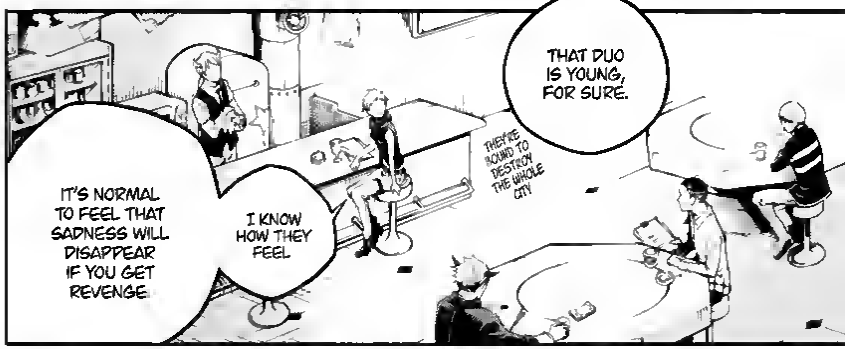
THAT GANG'S OFFICE
BOSS!!
MEDICINE FACTORY (THE KIND THAT ISN'T SOLD IN PHARMACIES)
MY MONEY MAKING POWDER! UWHHAA?!

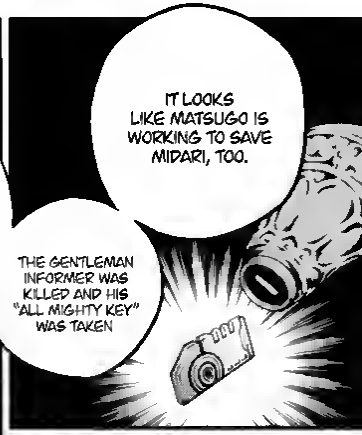
GANG "ROUTE 999" WEAPON WAREHOUSE
KAKUJO HOUSE RULES:
"TREAT MEN AND WOMEN EQUALLY.
THAT CHURCH "SISTERS"
IN THE NAME OF GOD, DIE!
HHAA!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
JUST GLUE IT BACK TOGETHER!
WHAT THE HELL?!!
ALL THE GOODS ARE CUT IN HALF?!


JACKALOPE
HIDEOUT
"CLOCK LOCK"

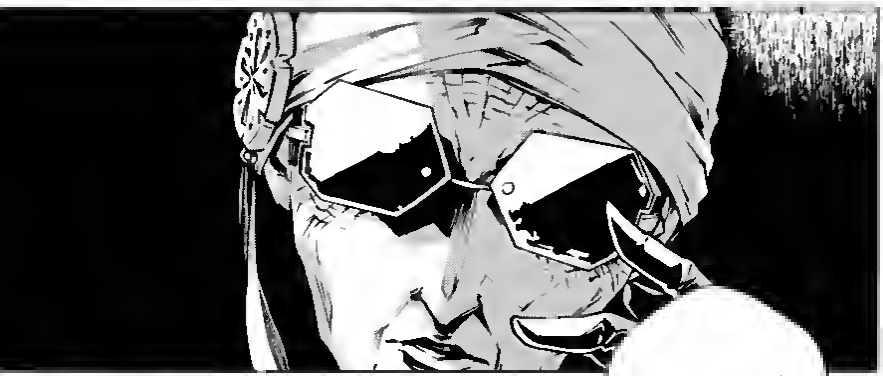
CRAASH!!
OH MY GOD!


THAT DUO IS YOUNG, FOR SURE.
THEY'RE BOUND TO DESTROY THE WHOLE CITY
I KNOW HOW THEY FEEL
IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL THAT SADNESS WILL DISAPPEAR IF YOU GET REVENGE

THAT ONE JOINED JACKALOPE AFTER BEING SAVED BY MIDARI, SO...
CAN'T STOP HIM AND DON'T WANT TO EITHER


IT LOOKS LIKE MATSUGO IS WORKING TO SAVE MIDARI, TOO.
THE GENTLEMAN INFORMER WAS KILLED AND HIS "ALL MIGHTY KEY" WAS TAKEN

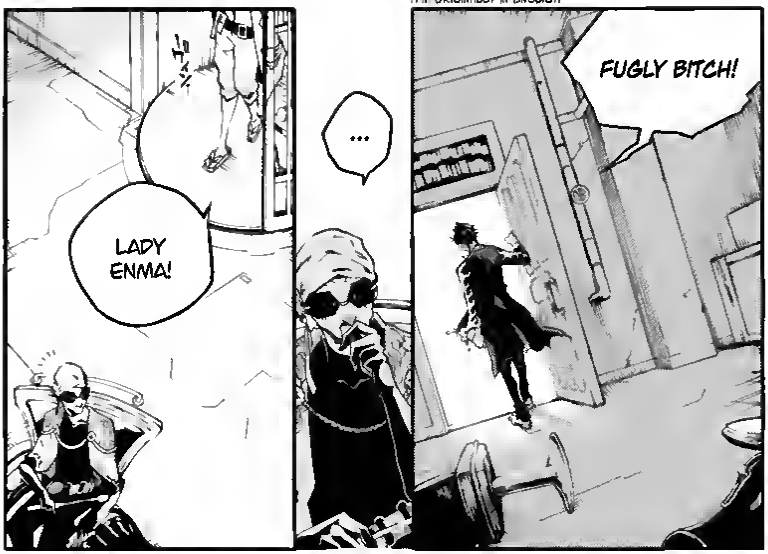
WE'LL JUST EXTERMINATE SPIDERS AS USUAL...
TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF NEW VICTIMS LIKE US.
YEAH,
THAT'S THE "COMMAND," ANYWAY.



THEM IGNORING MY ORDERS AND CHASING AFTER SICKAGGRA.
WAS TRULY NOT YOUR DOING?
HUH?!!
I don't give A SHIT!!

IF I'M WRONG, PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
IT'S JUST THAT THEY'RE SO SIMILAR...
TO HOW YOU TWO WERE, A PAIR OF BUCKIN' BRONCOS IN TIME WITH EACH OTHER.
...
SFX: SLAM

T/N: ORIGINALLY IN ENGLISH



SFX SLAP-BOOM!
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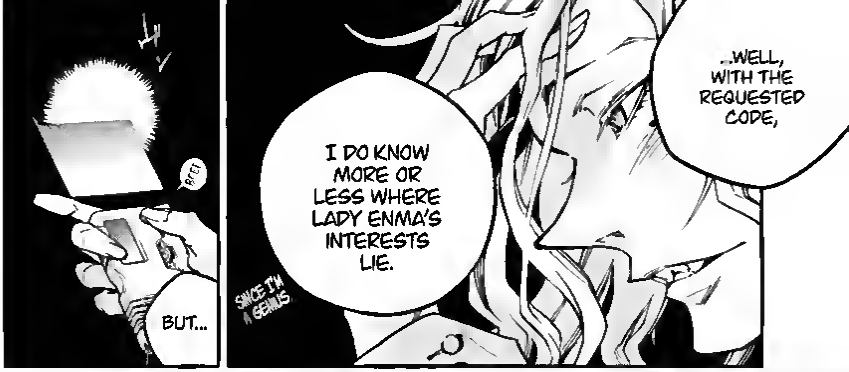
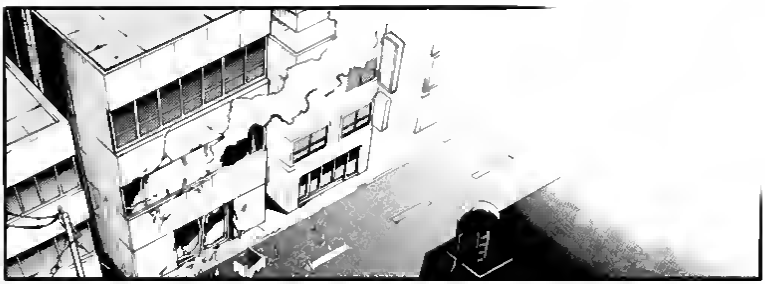
GET ME A NEW COPY THAT DOESN'T CONTAIN SPYWARE
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO BE SO CURIOUS ABOUT MY ACTIONS AND TO SNOOP AROUND,
THEN YOU SHOULD FIX THE ALIGNMENT OF THE SECOND BARREL OF AKUTA'S GEARS. IT'S OFF BY 02 MICRONS
...SH-
SHE KNEW

EVEN IF IT'S WARPED, TO "HIT" IT, "FILE" IT DOWN, AND "POLISH" IT...
SO IT CAN SERVE AS A "COG" IS MY IDEAL.
BE A TRULY GOOD COG, SHIRAMA.
...
IF 30 YEARS...
NO, IF JUST 20 YEARS YOUNGER... DAMMIT!
A VIOLENT PYGMALION EFFECT WOULD FORCE ME TO SURRENDER AND GAIN A CODEPENDENT RIGHT OF CONTROL, THEN THROUGH LIMA SYNDROME LOVE WOULD—
YOU PERVERT!!


BUT...
I DO KNOW MORE OR LESS WHERE LADY ENMA'S INTERESTS LIE.
..WELL, WITH THE REQUESTED CODE,

WHY THIS KID?



SICKAGGRA?
I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW!
I SWEAR TO GOD THAT I DON'T KNOW.
SORRY, I REALLY, SERIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW.
I CAN'T ACTUALLY TELL WHETHER I KNOW THEM OR NOT THESE PHOTOS ARE TOO DISTORTED
ESPECIALLY THIS ONE OF... IS IT A GIRL?

VERY CUTE!
OH, THAT ONE IS...
!?
YOU ACTUALLY SAW THAT ONE?
YEAH, WHEN THE FACTORY WAS CRUMBLING...
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUSTED DOOR.

SHE LOOKED JUST LIKE MY DEAD SISTER.
…!?
AMENOTORI
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AMENOTORI CORPORATION EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM
AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, WE SHOULD BRING IN MORE CONCURRENT ENGINEERING.
WHY AREN'T WE CONSIDERING AN EXTERNAL BUSINESS DIMENSION?
WE SHOULD ALSO BE REFORMING BUDGET MANAGEMENT AT THIS TIME, IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
YOU'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THE SUM OF THE DAMAGES TO THE FACTORIES?
WHAT ABOUT RESTORING THE BRAND'S REPUTATION?
IS IT PREFERABLE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT TO NOT HAVE ERM BUT THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HANDLED INDEPENDENTLY?
YOUR LACK OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING TO WORLD WIDE EXPOSURE AND OUR STOCK'S PBR TO DECLINE.
MISAPPROPRIATION OF RESULTS IS THE CAUSE. ISN'T IT?
I AM CALM, I AM CALM.
...THAT'S WHY, THAT POINT IS...
IT'S OKAY. THESE GUYS ARE JUST MEAT, PIGS, FILTHY SAUSAGES. CUT IT ALL UP? GIVE THEM ALL TOPKNOTS?
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?!
THE PROJECT IS NON-RECOURSE! SPONSERS ARE DEMANDING FOR US TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE

AS THE MARKET LEADER, WE SHOULD..
?
!
ALRIGHT, OKAY. WE COULDN'T AVOID TESTING THE ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS.
ALSO IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, I'VE TOLD ENGINEER KURAMA TO CEASE THAT PROJECT.

I WILL BE GIVING YOU INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PLAN TO IMPROVE EVERYTHING SHORTLY.
LET'S KEEP WORKING HARD TO CREATE EVEN BETTER "PRODUCTS" FROM NOW ON.
HUH?
SINCE THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT.
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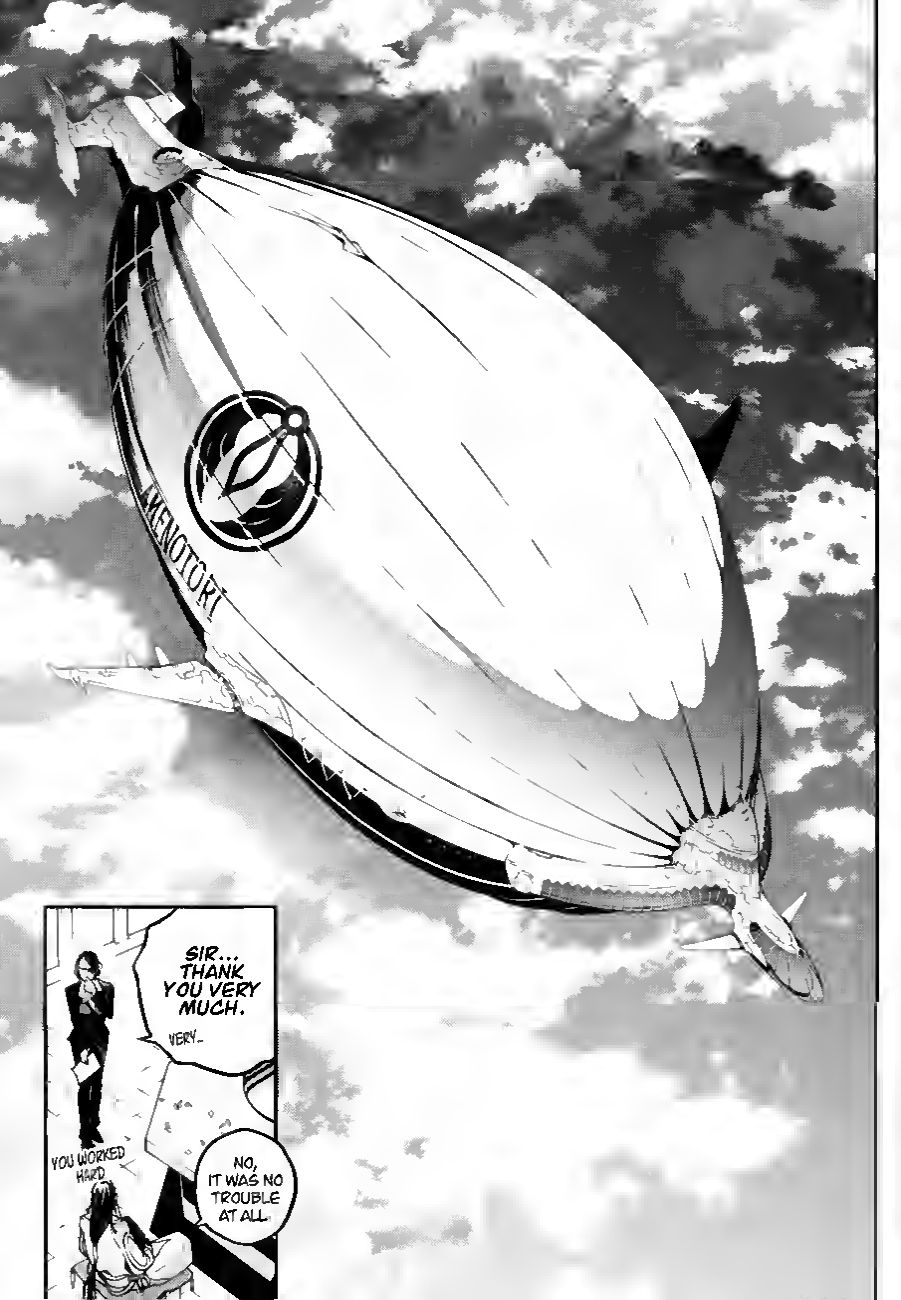
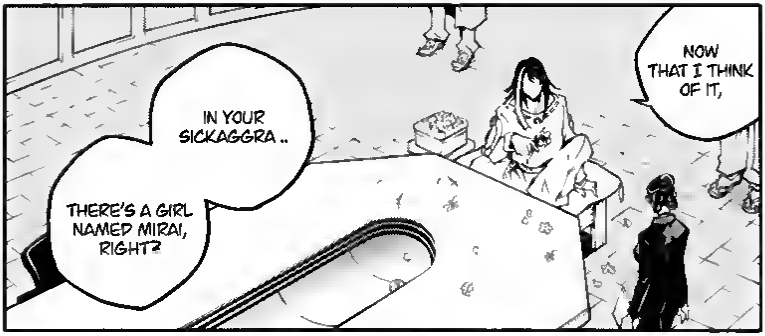

MENOTORI
SIR... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
VERY.
NO, IT WAS NO TROUBLE AT ALL.
YOU WORKED HARD


NOW THAT I THINK OF IT,
IN YOUR SICKAGGRA ..
THERE'S A GIRL NAMED MIRAI, RIGHT?

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I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEIR REAL NAMES,
BUT THEY'RE ALL CORPSES THAT WE'VE COLLECTED.
MEANING THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO DIED ONCE AND WERE MADE INTO AN OCTAD.

I'D LIKE TO BORROW HER AND TRY HAVING A CHAT.
YOU SEE, IT SEEMS SHE HAD AN INTERESTING BROTHER, THOUGH THEY AREN'T RELATED BY BLOOD.
THAT GIRL...

REMEMBERING, RECALLING.

CONTINUES IN MAY